

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF STOW LONGA PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ST.  
BOTOLPH'S PARISH CHURCH ON MONDAY 7 JULY 2014 AT 8 PM**

**Present:** Councillors Hayes (Chairman), Allen, Butcher, Humfryes and Young and the Clerk (Mr. D Stowell).

**082/14 Apologies for absence** – none, all members were present.

**083/14 Declarations of Interest in relation to any agenda item** - none

**084/14 Public Open Forum** – not required - no public present.

**085/14 Minutes of Meeting held 19 May 2014** were approved and signed

**086/14 Matters arising from the minutes (not on the agenda)** - none

**087/14 Finance**

**The Internal Audit Report for 2013/14 was noted**

The Clerk reported that the audit had revealed no serious deficiencies. It was, however, agreed to implement the following recommendations annually in January:

- A) Standing Orders and Financial Regulations to be reviewed and presented to members.
- B) The Risk Assessment document to be reviewed and updated as necessary

**The following payments were approved:**

- 100363 J C Shears, Internal Audit, £50.00
- 100364 Cambs ACRE, Annual subscription £48.00 (inc £8.00 VAT)

**088/14 Planning**

**The following new planning application was considered**

**1400828FUL**, Ground floor side extension, 3 Spaldwick Road, Stow Longa

There being no objections, it was resolved to recommend Approval.

**To note LPA decisions (if any)** - none relevant to the local area.

**Bicton Wind Farm Public Inquiry** – The Chairman reported that he had spoken at the Inquiry on day 5 in which he reiterated that the main concerns of the residents of Stow Longa were noise, the size of the turbines, proximity to the village and shadow flicker. He also briefly summarised the other proceedings on that day. It was noted that SBWF had prepared and circulated summaries of the proceedings for Days 1-4 and 5-7. The Clerk agreed to email copies to members.

**089/14 Code of Conduct** – It was resolved to adopt an amended Code incorporating changes recommended by the HDC Monitoring Officer mainly concerned with clarifying and reporting 'non-statutory disclosable interests' previously described as 'other interests'. It was noted that new Declarations of Interests forms should be returned via the Clerk to the Monitoring Officer within 28 days.

**090/14 Assets and infrastructure**

**Review of matters raised at the Annual Parish Meeting and in the last H & S check.**

- A) Growth around base of lime trees on the Green to be cut back. Action - Cllr Hayes
- B) Picnic table to be washed. Action - Cllr Allen
- C) Traffic calming measures / flashing speed indicators. Action – see 091/14 below.
- D) 30 mph repeater near children's play area is inappropriate. No action to be taken.
- E) Car parking around the Green. Action – situation will continue to be monitored.
- F) Damaged kerb at children's play area. Action - Clerk to report to County Highways.

- G) Damage to Green near Village sign. Need for repair to be monitored.
- H) Dog fouling – Clerk to discuss provision of bins with HDC.
- J) Tree at 2 Church Lane – Cllr Allen to ensure it is cut back, if possible by the owner.

**091/14 Highways / Byways / Footpaths**

**Local Highway Improvement Initiative 2015/16** – proposals invited, closing date 12 September. It was resolved to submit an application for 30 mph roundels on the 2 main entries to the village.

**Highway surface dressing programme 2014/15** – It was noted that 70m<sup>2</sup> of the Spaldwick /Stow Longa Road is scheduled for Sunday 27 July (repairs to small areas left in unsatisfactory state following the main programme).

**092/14 Bus Service changes** – The Clerk reported that although unable to attend the Working Group meeting on 1 July, he had submitted responses to the options developed by the CCC Community Engagement Team following consultation with several local bus users. The team had agreed to take these into consideration at the meeting. These responses included support for continuing the existing Mon – Sat 7.50 am service from Spaldwick via Stow Longa to Huntingdon with a return journey at 5.40 pm, and support for a Mon – Fri mid-morning service to Huntingdon returning 2 hours later, but preferably also operating on Saturdays. This would give connections to / from Cambridge, Peterborough and St Ives allowing return from Huntingdon at 5.40 pm.

**093/14 Current projects progress review.** The following actions were agreed:

**A) Village Cross** – Clerk to convene a meeting with Max Turner and Cllrs Butcher and Young to determine the way forward.

**B) Relocation of post box** – Clerk to chase Royal Mail again.

**094/14 Correspondence**

**CCC Key Issues Briefing June 2014** – circulated by email June 17

**Cambridgeshire County Council Statement of Community Involvement** – this was adopted on 25 March 2014 and is available to view on Cambridgeshire County Council's website. It can also be viewed on request at Shire Hall and, until 16 July 2014, at the main County libraries.

**Empowering Parish Councils to sell electricity** – Steve Shaw, Local Works asks SLPC to submit a proposal under the Sustainable Communities Act asking the government to give parish councils the right to sell electricity they generate.

**First World War centenary programme 2014-2018** – emailed to members 19 June.

**Huntingdonshire Communities First Workshop** - 24th July 2014, 2 pm to 7.30 pm, Civic Suite, Pathfinder House. Cllr Humfryes expressed an interest in attending. She will advise the Clerk whether she will be available in the afternoon.

**095/14 AOB**

**Friends of St Botolph's Church** – it was noted that a group is being set up to raise funds for the upkeep of the church and help prevent its closure.

**096/15 Date of next meeting**

As the Chairman will probably be unavailable for the next scheduled meeting on 22 September, it was agreed that an attempt be made to find an alternative date (perhaps on a Wednesday) acceptable to all members. The Clerk will advertise any revised date, if and when agreed. The location and time will remain at St Botolph's Church at 8 pm.

In the absence of any further business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.